

30 April 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Award of the Medal of Freedom

1. The attached recommendation for the award of the subject Medal was delivered by hand to Brigadier General Marshall Carter, Office of the Secretary of Defense, on 29 April 1952. General Carter read the recommendation and handed it back, concurring in our request that it not become a part of the files of OSD.

2. Since this recommendation was the first submitted by CIA under the provisions of Executive Orders 9586 and 10336, the following procedure was established for the submission of future recommendations for the award of subject medal:

a. Recommendations will be hand carried to Gen. Carter.

b. He will prepare for the Secretary of Defense's signature a directive that the Medal be awarded to the individual concerned, which will read as follows:

"Under the provisions of Executive Orders 9586 and 10336, it is my desire that the Medal of Freedom be awarded to Mr. ____."

The citation accompanying this award will read as follows:

"Mr. _____ performed exceptionally meritorious service as a representative of the United States Government during the period ____."

c. The Medal together with the citation will be delivered to the Office of the Director, CIA, for presentation in order to avoid any possible publicity.

d. To enable OSD to have a record indicating that this Agency is the requestor for the award of this and future medals, a Top Secret Memorandum for the Record will be placed in their files which will read substantially as follows:

"The Director of Central Intelligence on _____ requested that the Medal of Freedom be awarded to Mr. _____. Details concerning this recommendation are on file in the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence."

e. On the file copy of the directive mentioned in (b) above, there will be a notation that "the Medal was awarded pursuant to TS Memorandum No. ____". (This memorandum is that referred to in (a) above.)

3. The above was brought to the attention of the Director who stated that in view of the fact that the citation accompanying these medals was so brief, he would undertake to have them signed and/or approved by the President.

4. The procedure outlined in paragraph 2 was concurred in by Colonel Edwards, Security Officer, CIA, on 29 April 1952.

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Executive Assistant
to the Director

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P.S. - because you will, +
hope, [redacted] to give the letter
with [redacted] - This
is for sending warm
greetings to you and yours
from [redacted] & me [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SMITH

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"P.S." from [redacted]

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Noted by : DCI
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